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## ISACHD Newsletter

### President's Message

by Curt J Daniels



Dear ISACHD Members,

It is fall 2013, which means time to gear up for our ISACHD mtg at AHA, this year held in Dallas, Texas, USA.

Once again, this will be a time to gather with your colleagues from around the world for some food, drinks and educational programming.

Please join us.

**November 17, 2013 7:00 pm**

**Rosewood Crescent Hotel (Salons A and B)**

**400 Crescent Court, Dallas, Tx, USA 75201**

**Phone: 214 871-3245**

- **7:00** Cocktails, Appetizers, and Networking
- **7:20** Welcome Curt J Daniels, MD (President, ISACHD)
- **7:30 Eisenmenger Syndrome. Medical Therapy and the Macitentan Trial**, Michael Landzberg, MD (ISACHD Past President)
- **8:00 Surgical Options for the TV to Preserve RV Function in ACHD** Sitaram Emani, MD (Boston, MA, USA) Case Presentation TBA
- **9:00** ISACHD Global Education, eLearning Center - Erwin Oechslin, MD, (ISACHD Canadian Regional Representative), Gary Webb, MD (ISACHD Past President)
- **8:50** Global Research - Philip Moons, PhD (ISACHD Executive Committee) and Colleagues. *International Study on Patient Reported Outcomes in ACHD*
- **9:10** Regional Updates: Europe, South American, Asian-Pacific, USA, Canada, CCA Network
- **9:20** Wrap up and Next Steps - CJ Daniels, MD and Paul Khairy, MD, PhD (ISACHD President Elect)

ISACHD continues to move forward with several Global Initiatives.

ISACHD Global Health Care work group has formally submitted a proposal to an international health organization to partner for the development of ACHD programming in underserved countries. Currently, the WG is pursuing funding and a more detailed plan to include training, and on-site and eLearning education.

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ISACHD Global Education Work Group (Chair Erwin Oechslin, MD Toronto, Canada) continues its work to develop the **ACHD eLearning Center**, lead by Gary Webb, MD (Cincinnati, USA). Work is being done to develop an ACHD basic teaching course and a repository for online ACHD education. This initiative fits nicely with the Global Health agenda to support the educational development of international ACHD programs.

The Global Research Work Group has initiated a new international multi-center study entitled *Assessment of Patient-Reported Outcomes in Adults with Congenital Heart Disease - International Study (APPROACH-IS)*. The study design has been developed and is coordinated by Philip Moons, PhD, Koen Luyckx, Silke Apers, (Leuven, Belgium), and Adrienne Kovacs, PhD. The study utilizes a number of patient surveys to assess international differences in perceived health, psychosocial functioning, behavioral outcomes and quality of life. Sites interested in participating please contact Philip Moons. Several centers are on-board to begin recruiting patients.

ISACHD continues to move forward its agenda for improving ACHD Global Health, Global Education, and Global Research. Please join ISACHD, become a member and contribute to the work and the effort to improve ACHD care, education and research around the world.

Please visit our website at [www.isachd.org](http://www.isachd.org) to learn more about ISACHD, visit the journal watch page and find the latest ACHD publications, view upcoming conferences endorsed by ISACHD and register to become a member of ISACHD. Look forward to seeing you in Dallas,  
Curt J Daniels, MD, President

## Regional News

### European News *Barbara Mulder*

From August 31 until September 4, the ESC congress was held in Amsterdam. More than 30.000 cardiologists came to visit the many lectures, but the best was the one on Wednesday morning: the joint ISACD-ESC session. Excellent talks were given by Helmut Baumgartner, Gruschen Veldtman, Ariane Marelli and Folkert Meijboom. Gary Webb could manage to have the speakers at their best! Please click on this [link](#) to see Erwin Oechslin disappear from the congress (after the session, of course!)



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2004-2006

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MD  
2006-2008

Michael J.  
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2008-2010  
Barbara Mulder,  
MD  
2010-2012



On Monday evening the sociale event took place at Barbara Mulder's house.

We had drinks in the garden with about 70 people.

For an Indonesian dinner we took the Canal boat, as you can see on the above pictures.

## News from South America

by Luis Alday



During the XXIV Inter American Society of Cardiology Congress to be held at the Rural Society Convention Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina a joint session of "ISACHD - Inter American Society of Cardiology (SIAC)" on "Adult Congenital Heart Disease" will take place at the Guatemala Room from 12.00 to 01.30 PM on Sunday October 20th, 2013 , with the following program.

Chair: Luis Alday (Cordoba, Argentina), Panel Discussers: Ana de Dios, Amalia Elizari (Bs As, Argentina)

- 12:00 - Dvce closure of complex VSD's, Dr Jacqueline Kreutzer (Pittsburgh, PA, USA)
- 12:15 - Echocardiographic evaluation in Ebstein's anomaly and the Konno procedure, Dr Gerald Marx (Boston, MA, USA)
- 12:30 - Coarctation of the aorta in adults, Dr Horacio Faella (Bs As, Argentina)
- 12:45 - Left ventricular non compaction, Dr Ricardo Pignatelli (Houston, TX, USA)
- 13:00 - Post operative care in complex ACHD, Dr Sarah Tabbutt (San Francisco, CA, USA)

- 13:15 - Discussion

Call for abstracts will be announced soon.

### **News from Canada**

*By Ervin Oechslin*

#### **Inaugural Joint CCS/ESC Session to Focus on ACHD**

The Inaugural Joint Canadian Cardiovascular Society/European Society of Cardiology Session entitled Challenges in ACHD care - future considerations at the ESC Congress 2013 in Amsterdam (NL) was a great success thanks to the outstanding speakers. We are grateful to the organizer that ACHD was selected for this Joint Session. Some ACHD presentations (webcast/slides) are available [here](#).

#### **2013 Canadian Marfan Association Conference**

The 2013 Conference will be held in Vancouver (BC) on September 27 and 28, 2013. Information including program is available on the [2013 Canadian Marfan Association Conference website](#).

#### **Canadian Cardiovascular Congress 2013**

The Canadian Cardiovascular Congress will be held in Montreal from October 17-20, 2013. The CACH Network Spotlight Session at Vascular 2013 is scheduled on Friday, October 18 (2 pm to 3.30 pm) and is entitled *ACHD care: what's new on the horizon?* The following topics will be discussed:

- Heart Failure, Dr. Lucy Roche, Toronto (ON),
- Inherited Aortopathies, Dr. Michael Connelly, Calgary (AB)
- Valvular Interventions, Dr. Giuseppe Martucci, Montreal (QC).

Dr. Jasmine Grewal (Vancouver) arranged a Workshop entitled '*Complex congenital heart disease: what the community cardiologist needs to know*' which will be held on Friday, October 18 2013 (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm)

- Transposition of the great arteries, Dr. Isabelle Vonder Muhll, Edmonton (AB)
- Tetralogy of Fallot, Dr. Nathalie Bottega, Montreal (QC)
- Ventricular septal defect, Dr. Jasmine Grewal, Vancouver (BC)

#### **CACH Network Website**

Please visit [www.cachnet.ca](http://www.cachnet.ca), to get information about ACHD meetings, or access 'Resources' to download international guidelines and the glossary amongst others, and read the President's message for more information.

#### **Thank you, Barbara for the great hospitality at the ESC 2013!**

The ACHD community had a wonderful time at the ESC meeting 2013 in Amsterdam. We are very grateful to Dr. Barbara Mulder for her great hospitality: a reception at her home followed by a boat tour on Amsterdam's canals was the highlight after a very impressive concert the evening before. Dutch health care providers (cardiologists, nurses, technicians, etc.) and patients formed a professional orchestra and played a concert at the level of professional musicians. The talents and skills among the Dutch health care providers and patients just impressed me! The quality of the concert was beyond and above any expectations! The Amsterdam experience was spectacular!

### **News from North America**

*By Bill Davidson*

An e-mail from website of the American Board of Internal Medicine, September 11, 2013

We are pleased to announce a new area of Certification: Adult Congenital Heart Disease, which is designed to recognize the qualifications of physicians who are specialists in the care of a wide range of adult patients with congenital heart disease.

The exam will be given to qualified ABIM diplomates, as well as those from the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP). ABIM will issue the certification to successful diplomates from both boards. You must hold current, valid ABIM or ABP certification in Cardiovascular Disease or Pediatric Cardiology, respectively, to be eligible for this examination.

We expect to administer the first exam in Fall 2015.

In early 2014, look to ABIM for more information about:

- Exam dates
- Exam blueprint content
- Eligibility
- Training and practice pathways
- Application process

For more information, [read ABMS Announces Certification in New Subspecialty: Adult Congenital Heart Disease.](#)

Questions? Call 1-800-441-ABIM (2246), Mon. - Fri., 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET, Sat., 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. ET, or send an e-mail

### **News from Asia- Pacific**

*By Koichiro Niwa*

The 4th Semiannual Congress of APSACHD (Asia Pacific Society for ACHD) combined with 5th Congress of APPCS (Asia Pacific Ped Card Society) will be held at March, 6-9, 2014, Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi, India.

[Registration and abstracts submission is now open](#) until November 30th.

International attendants are more than welcome.

### **WG on Education**

*Erwin Oechslin*

### **ACHD e-Learning Center**

The ACHD e-Learning Centre is making progress! The Editorial Board of the ACHD e-Learning Center (Chair: Dr. Gary Webb, Cincinnati) has discussed the development and progress of the Website during Conference Calls. Dr. Gary Webb and the IT team in Cincinnati are working hard on the development of the Website. Beta testing will be available soon and I hope that we can go live before the American Heart Association meeting 2013.

Basic Teaching Course in ACHD: Dr. E. Pieper, Groningen (NL) is working hard to collect and to edit the presentations with Editorial Board members.

The ACHD e-Learning Center will be an e-hub for educational resources in ACHD!

### **Endorsment of ACHD Meetings**

*Erwin Oechslin*

10<sup>th</sup> DHZB Lange Symposium, Berlin, January 18 / 19, 2014



Please be proactive and contact me at [erwin.oechslin@uhn.ca](mailto:erwin.oechslin@uhn.ca) if you want to endorse your ACHD meeting or if you are aware of a meeting which should be endorsed by ISACHD.

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